



Goals

Sinkyone Wilderness State Park General Plan Draft

Topic: Overall Park Management and Operations

Goal: Park administration, management and operations will be tailored to promote, enhance and protect the wilderness values and opportunities for solitude within Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. Acquire additional lands from willing sellers when needed to support specific park management goals.

Topic: Protection of Natural Resources

Goal: Protect, maintain and where appropriate enhance and/or restore the natural biodiversity and unique natural resources of Sinkyone Wilderness State Park.

Topic: Protection of Cultural Resources

Goal: Significant prehistoric and historic cultural resources will be documented, protected, and interpreted where appropriate. Park management will consult with local Native American people and the local community regarding ethnographic resources and significant historic landscapes. Where conflicts between natural resource management and cultural resource management arise, these will be carefully evaluated.

Topic: Recreation

Goal: Provide a wilderness experience for park visitors by managing the number of visitors. Maintain the primitive nature of the park and restrict front - and back - country overnight use to designated sites. Continue to maintain and enhance access and discourage beach use by off-road drivers.

Topic: Interpretation and Education

Goal: Provide low-impact, high-value, site-sensitive interpretation and education activities. Interpretive signage will be carefully balanced with the wilderness character of the park. Strive to develop interpretive opportunities and visitor information at strategically located sites. Manage the number of groups per year. Provide ongoing opportunities for local schools.

Topic: Fire Hazards and Management

Goal: Restore fire as an ecological process in the park needed to manage natural ecosystems and control hazardous fuels. Develop a comprehensive fire management plan for the park.

Topic: Community Involvement

Goal: Actively maintain open communication and cooperation with local communities, the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council and other stakeholders in the planning and management of Sinkyone Wilderness State Park with the common goal of leaving a legacy of a pristine environment for future generations to enjoy.

Topic: Roads and Trails

Goal: Manage and maintain public and administrative access to the park and its periphery through a system of sustainable roads and trails that is consistent with protecting park resources and maintains wilderness values. Develop a comprehensive road and trails maintenance plan.

Topic: Facilities

Goal: Develop a comprehensive facilities management plan. Provide essential facilities to support front - and back - country uses, consistent with management plan zone designations and public health and safety.